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Proposals of the Special Settlement Officer regarding kistbandi and the enhancement of ground-rents in Godavari and Kistna districts.

* 117 Q.—Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether, as stated in paragraphs 54 and 55 of the Scheme Report for the resettlement of Godavari and Kistna districts, the Special Settlement Officer has since submitted his proposals regarding kistbandi and the enhancement of ground-rents ; and

(*b*) if so, whether copies of those proposals would be placed on the table of the House ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) *Kistbandi.*—Prior to the scheme report, the Special Settlement Officer had submitted proposals regarding the kistbandi for Razole taluk. Orders were passed on them in G.O. No. 1728, dated 8th October 1926, which was placed on the Editors' Table. Regarding the other taluks, the Special Settlement Officer did not propose any change and none has been made.

Ground-rent.—The Special Settlement Officer's proposals have not yet been received.

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—" May I know whether the Government propose to publish the proposals of the Settlement Officer with regard to ground-rents, when they are received ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" The suggestion will be considered, Sir."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

III

DURATION OF THE PRESENT SITTING OF THE COUNCIL.

* Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" Before we proceed to the next item on the agenda, I may say that some Members on this side are anxious to know how long this sitting will last, and whether there is going to be any meeting on Friday, which I understand is a public holiday. I ask because we have not made considerable progress so far in view of the large number of items on the agenda not yet reached."

*The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Will the Government make a statement ? "

* The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" If we finish the business on which we are engaged at present, we need not prolong the sitting. If not, we should go on either on Friday or on Saturday."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" Do they want to continue the sitting till all the business is finished, or will it not suffice for the Government if the Simon Committee motion is disposed of ? Can they not postpone the other items of business to the next meeting."